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## Summit Meeting at Franklin Park Explores Upgrades and Policies

by James Giese

The owners, managers and representatives of Fieldstone Properties, new owner of Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station, hosted a “summit meeting” on April 6 on redevelopment of the garden apartment project. The complex, originally known as Springhill Lake, was more recently renamed Empirian Village before its current new name.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, one of seven city officials at the summit in the former Giant training center in the shopping center within the apartment community, said she was impressed by the organization that went into the event. According to a Franklin Park press release, more than 50 representatives of state and local government bodies, federal government agencies, military bases, utility companies and universities attended.

The summit served multiple purposes. The current owner hoped to show what has been done so far and what is planned to upgrade the 2,900-unit apartment complex and to make the



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**County Council Chair Ingrid M. Turner (D) District 4 and her new Chief of Staff Tomeka Bumbry (behind Turner) talk with Mayor Judith Davis and Fieldstone Owner Ralph Rieder.**

property more accessible to Metro, the University of Maryland and Fort Meade, where military base reorganization is expected to bring in large numbers of new personnel.

Owner representatives also sought \$15 million in public

funding and political support for undertaking some of the proposed improvements. Such an amount would match Fieldstone Properties’ investment commitment in

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## Request for Four More Officers Enlivens Police Budget Review

by Kathleen Gallagher

On April 6 the Greenbelt City Council met to review the police and fire portion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 city budget including a last minute request for four more patrol officers. Nearly 40 percent of the city’s general fund budget is devoted to public safety, with the police department budget (96 percent) making up the lion’s share. The balance comprises fire and rescue contributions, animal control and traffic control. With \$9,622,900 allocated to the police department out of the \$10,018,800 proposed budget, the proposed public safety and police department budgets are within about 1 percent of amounts budgeted for the current year.

Since animal control falls administratively within the Department of Planning and Community Development and traffic control is administered by Public Works, those two portions of the public safety budget are considered at other worksessions.

All councilmembers were present at the worksession, as were the entire police command staff, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Treasurer Jeff Williams.

An unusual happening at the worksession took place at about 10:45 p.m. By this time council

had heard presentations of the police department and reviewed the police budget.

Just when the meeting seemed to be over, Capt. Carl Schinner, commander of the patrol division since last year, distributed to council copies of a March 28 memo he had written to the city manager and to Chief James Craze addressing a need for four additional patrol officers.

### Midnight Issues

Noting that at midnight only four officers are on patrol, Schinner said response options are limited at that time, especially if a decision to pursue making an arrest takes an officer outside the city. He said good practice would dictate that the department be able to respond to two priority crime events simultaneously without compromising either one or endangering safety.

Often the department cannot handle two events adequately, however, he said, or can do so only with the assistance of officers working secondary employment if they should happen to be available. Schinner concluded that, as patrol commander, he was concerned that both officer and resident safety were being compromised by inadequate patrol staffing.

This new request was over

and above the proposed budget by the manager. This need had also not been mentioned in the presentation on the patrol division, although allusions had been made throughout discussion of the police budget about the need for personnel for extra duties, at least in part following recent retirements of experienced officers.

The topic had not been raised as well at previous discussions of the proposed FY12 budget. Nor was it mentioned in the budget document section addressing police department issues and goals for the upcoming year. The estimated cost for one officer is \$100,100, including salary and benefits and such ancillary costs as uniforms, vehicle and weapons.

Determining the size of the work force is a management function not subject to negotiation under the city’s collective bargaining agreement with the F.O.P. That organization did not make a presentation at the meeting.

### Officer Ratio

Mayor Judith Davis asked whether Greenbelt did not already have a high officer-to-resident ratio relative to the rest of the county. Chief Craze said that

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## Arbor Day and Earth Day To Be Celebrated April 16

by Barbara Hopkins

Arbor Day will be celebrated in Greenbelt this Saturday, April 16 with tree plantings at Schrom Hills Park beginning at noon. Mayor Judith Davis read the Arbor Day proclamation and presented it to members of the city’s Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) at the city council meeting on April 11.

Charles Jackman, chair of ACT, accepted the proclamation from the mayor and said burr oaks, black gum, bald cypress and possibly crape myrtle trees will be planted to honor the occasion.

The proclamation says Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872 when settlers of Nebraska planted nearly a million trees for “shade, shelter, fruit, fuel and beauty.” It also notes that in recent months Greenbelt joined the Baltimore-Washington Partners for Forest Stewardship, a consortium formed in 2006 with a mission of de-

veloping a comprehensive forest stewardship management plan for the last large (nearly 26,000 acres), unfragmented forest in the Baltimore-Washington corridor. This green space surrounded by dense development is under federal management by the U.S. Army at Fort Meade, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Patuxent Research Refuge, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center and the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the non-profit Center for Chesapeake Communities also joined in 2006. The properties include over 3,000 acres of forest and another 3,000 acres of wetlands.

### Earth Day

In Greenbelt, Earth Day festivities also will take place this Saturday, with the planting of a

See **ARBOR DAY**, page 9

## Hiring New GHI Manager, Rehab Are Board Issues

by Sue Krofchik

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors, in a rare special meeting on April 5, met to focus on rarely occurring topics. The first concerned hiring a recruiting firm to identify candidates to replace the 17-year general manager, Gretchen Overdurff, who will retire in December.

The other two items required writing specifications for, and arranging the financing of, a pilot project that at its conclusion will determine the type and extent of the coming “rehab.” The last such project took place in 1980.

A vote on first reading of a motion to hire Transition Guides to conduct an executive search and plan the transition to a new general manager did not occur. This issue was tabled after an extended, and sometimes passionate, discussion about spending \$30-

to-\$35,000 to hire a search firm when a qualified and interested candidate is already in-house.

Treasurer Sylvia Lewis reminded the board repeatedly that a search does not exclude in-house applicants. “We can’t short the co-op by doing a shoddy job,” she said; “a search will allow the board to know their options so the best possible candidate can be selected.”

Hiring from within would save money and increase morale, according to Laura Moore and Irv Wartell, respectively. “GHI has the talent and expertise in-house,” said Tokey Boswell, and “anyone coming from outside would need six months to learn what GHI is.”

Questions posed by Ed James brought out that recruiting a

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### What Goes On

#### Friday, April 15

**7 to 9 p.m.,** Family Fit Night, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Free

#### Saturday, April 16

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,** Public Works Open House, 555 Crescent Road  
**10 a.m.,** Earth Day. Help plant a rain garden at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway.

**Noon,** Arbor Day. Help Advisory Committee on Trees plant trees at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway.

**2 to 6 p.m.,** Celebration of Spring, SHL Recreation Center

#### Wednesday, April 20

**8 p.m.,** Council Budget Worksession on Planning and Community Development, Community Center

#### Saturday, April 23

**10 a.m. sharp,** Egg Hunt at Buddy Attick Park, 18-month-old to 6th grade



# Letters

## THANKS!

This week's News Review is one of the best I have ever read. I am so lucky to live in Greenbelt. I was particularly touched by the cribbage article and the write-up on the Mac 'n Cheese demo. Oh, Greenbelt!

Thank you so much for all you do and please keep up the great work!

Eileen Boswell

## THANKS!

Thanks for Celebrating LeRoy's Life.

Words cannot express my deepest appreciation for all the comforting words expressed after the death of "my" beloved dog, LeRoy. One thing is for sure, he was a "community" dog, having touched the hearts and spirits of many besides my own.

I also would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with the celebration of LeRoy's life. Special thanks to the New Deal Café for welcoming over 40 people to gather, reminisce and celebrate.

As I reflect on the past several weeks, I am struck by how fortunate we are in Greenbelt. We have well traveled pathways and intersections which allow us to meet and get to know one another and share in each other's lives in ways that truly give meaning to the word "community."

"ONLY IN GREENBELT!"

Katrina Boverman  
(LeRoy's Person)



## Tyler Perry Film Fest April 15-24

Academy Stadium at Beltway Plaza will host a Tyler Perry Film Festival from Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 24.

Showtimes for individual films are available online at [222.academy8theaters.com](http://222.academy8theaters.com), by calling 301-220-1155 or checking the movie theater ad on page 3.

## Earlier Starting Time For TheBus #11

Effective Monday, April 18 TheBus, Route 11 will begin service at 5:18 a.m., departing from the Greenbelt Metrorail Station. Previously the first trip left the Metro at 6 a.m.

## City Notes

Recreation staff reports a park ranger reported seeing what could be baby beavers but also might be muskrats. Investigation continues.

Arts staff reports a new exhibition has been installed at the Community Center Art Gallery. "Aerial: Drawings by Rebecca Clark" is the first solo show for this local artist who creates meticulous images of bees in flight.

**CARES**

The Greenbelt CARES Discussion Group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School has been completed, finishing up with 10 participants from grades 9 through 12. Discussion topics included social skills, decision making, bullying behaviors, school goal setting and family dynamics.

## Hip Hop Band Plays At Beltway Plaza

On Sunday, April 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. a Latin hip hop band will present Javier Miranda from Thievery Corporation "See-I" on congas and with two DJs. The show will be at Center Court in the Mall.

## Garden Volunteers Needed for City Plot

On Saturday, April 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. gardening volunteers of all ages and skills are invited to participate in the first work party of the season at the 3-Sisters garden at Schrom Hills Park. The garden is downhill from the playground in the park at 6915 Hanover Parkway.

Tasks will include sheet-mulching to expand beds and planting seeds and seedlings of cool-weather vegetables. Volunteers are asked to bring stacks of old newspapers to recycle as sheet mulch material and bring tools (shovels to move compost, hoes, trowels would be welcome). Garden plans for this year, including companion plantings, a shady sitting area and perhaps a strawberry border, will be discussed.

If it is raining steadily near the 1 p.m. starting time, the work will be re-scheduled and notice posted at [www.cheers.org/gardens](http://www.cheers.org/gardens). For details on the Schrom Hills Park work party email [lucyduff@earthlink.net](mailto:lucyduff@earthlink.net). For more information about the 3-Sisters gardens email [Maggie@cheers.org](mailto:Maggie@cheers.org).

Grin Belt

"I know you are disappointed that you can't become the first squirrel on a space mission."

## Eleanor Science Café Honors Anniversary

On Tuesday, April 26 the Eleanor Science Café will have a special program to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

From 3:30 to 5 p.m. there will be a lecture for students on music and music theory by Dr. Keith Wright of the College of Southern Maryland. A social with free refreshments and live music will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The Science Café lecture and social will be in the Cafeteria Conference Room. At 6:30 p.m. a movie, Race to Nowhere, produced by Vicky Abeles, spouse of one of the original graduating class members, will be shown in the auditorium. A discussion including parents, students and the movie team will follow from 8 to 9 p.m.

There is a fee for the movie.

## Notice – Upcoming Rate Changes

Effective May 1, 20011, the News Review will increase its advertising and subscription rates to reflect the higher costs it is incurring. We have held off on increasing our rates but can no longer do so.

The basic rate for display advertising will change from \$8.10 to \$8.50 per column inch. This is the first change in ad rates since November 2001. Similar increases will be applied to all our discount-based ad rates, as well.

The cost of a 12-month mail-delivered subscription to the News Review will increase from \$35 to \$40. This is the first increase since 2002.

Correction

The News Review was contacted by one of the parties involved in the smoking lawsuit against GHI reported last week. The woman asks that we correct the record to show that she does not have a lung tumor. She states her condition was actually a benign brain tumor.

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(PG-13)

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Saturday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday - Thursday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Spring Gutter Cleaning (All Buildings)

Attention GHI Members

Greenbelt Builders Inc. is scheduled to clean and inspect your gutters starting May 16, 2011 weather permitting.

At that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

Please contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext.141 if you have any questions or comments.



# Community Events

## Town Hall Meeting On County's Future

On Saturday, April 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. Delta Sigma Theta's Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter will host a Town Hall meeting and panel on the county's future at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Mayor Judith Davis will open the session, which will be moderated by WHUR-FM News Anchor Molette Green. This year's town hall, "Prince George's County: New Beginnings for a Great County" will address education, health, economic development, public safety and community involvement, with a focus on how county agencies and residents can work cooperatively to move the county forward.

Panelists include County Executive Rushern Baker, III; Dr. Charlene Dukes, president of Prince George's Community College; Wanda Plumer, director of Business Development Retention & Expansion, Prince George's Economic Development Corp.; county police acting chief Mark Magaw; Deputy Superintendent Dr. Bonita Coleman-Potter of the Prince George's Public Schools; and Dr. Donald Shell from the county Department of Health.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for April 18-22:

Monday – Apple juice, sliced roast beef with gravy, winter mixed vegetables, baked potato with sour cream and margarine, sugar cookies.

Tuesday – Grape juice, barbecued pork on a bun, okra and tomatoes, mashed potatoes, diced pears.

Wednesday – Grape juice, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions on a bun, chopped spinach, baked beans, angel food cake with strawberry topping.

Thursday – Minestrone soup, baked curried chicken with gravy, honey-glazed carrots, navy beans, fresh apple.

Friday – Orange-pineapple juice, tuna pasta salad, garden salad, four-bean salad, cinnamon applesauce.

## At the Library

### Read to Rover

Bring a book or choose one from the library and have the 6 to 11 year old child read to specially trained therapy dogs on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. (third Saturday). Registration is required.

### Bookmark Contest

Saturday, April 16 is the last day to enter the bookmark contest. During library hours pick up a bookmark design entry form at the Information Desk and return completed form by 5 p.m. Saturday.

### Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. The book is Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work by Matthew B. Crawford. Obtain a copy from the Information Desk.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

\*Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

\*Thursday, April 21, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months; limit 15 children.

\*Pick up a free ticket for these events at the Information Desk.

For more information visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at [www.pgcmcls.info](http://www.pgcmcls.info).

## GHI Notes

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, April 15, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Monday, April 18, 7 p.m., Communicator Task Force – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – Board Room

Thursday, April 21, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

More  
Community Events  
see pages 2 and 11

## Museum Lecture On Urban Potagers

On Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will host a lecture by Cynthia A. Brown of the Smithsonian Gardens on "Designing an Urban Potager." It will be held in Room 201 at the Community Center.

Brown will talk about how a traditional French kitchen garden potager mingles vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs to make the function of providing food for the table aesthetically pleasing. An urban potager uses all available space, growing edibles and ornamentals on balconies, patios, porches and rooftops. Brown will encourage the inclusion of edibles with suggestions on what to grow, unusual ways to grow them and how to do it with style.

The lecture is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Community Foundation and County Councilmember Ingrid Turner (4th District).

For more information call 301-507-6582, email [museum@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:museum@greenbeltnmd.gov) or visit the museum website at [www.greenbeltmuseum.org](http://www.greenbeltmuseum.org).

## SHL Rec. Center Celebrates Spring

A celebration of spring will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane on Saturday, April 16 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Shake off cold days of winter and "spring" into action at this annual celebration. Included will be entertainment, make-and-take art activities, games, refreshments and more. Join friends and neighbors at this community event. For more information call 301-397-2200.

## Earth Day, Arbor Day, PWD Open House

On Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the City of Greenbelt will hold three traditional spring events.

Celebrate Earth Day at Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway from 10 a.m. to noon by helping to install a rain garden, planting native plants and addressing erosion and storm water quality issues.

At noon celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting to help replace trees that were lost during last year's storms. A nature tour of Schrom Hills Park will begin at 12:15 p.m. with a self-guided tree tour also available to participants. For more information call Lesley Riddle at 301-474-8004.

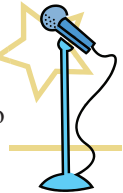
At the Public Works Department (PWD) facility, 555 Crescent Road come out to enjoy demonstrations, tours, work trucks, green house, hot dogs and light refreshments from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on these events call 301-474-8004.

## Kids to Perform At Café Sunday

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, April 17 runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. On the third Sunday of every month, children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdrn@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdrn@yahoo.com).



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## Week of APRIL 15

### FRI. – SAT.

Arthur, PG-13

11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

"Rodrick Rules", PG

11:45, 2:10, 4:35

Insidious, PG-13

7:15, 9:40

Rio in 3D PG-13 (!)

No fees at our location

11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:20

Hop, PG

11:15, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8, 10:20

Madea's Family Reunion

PG-13 (!) 12

Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)

2:45

Why Did I Get Married Too

PG-13 (!) 5:30

Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13 (!)

8:15

Diary of a Mad Black Woman (!)

10:40

Scream 4, R (!)

11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25

Your Highness, R

11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35

Hanna, R

11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25

### SUN.

Arthur, PG-13

11:30, 2, 4:35, 7:10

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

"Rodrick Rules", PG

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Your Highness, R

11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50

Hanna, R

11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45

### MON. – THU.

Arthur, PG-13

12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

"Rodrick Rules", PG

12:30, 2:50

Insidious, PG-13

5:20, 7:30

Rio in 3D, PG-13 (!)

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Your Highness, R

12:30, 3, 5:25, 7:50

Hanna, R

12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 7:50

### FILM FESTIVAL

(Monday and Wednesday)

Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)

12, 5

Why Did I Get Married Too

PG-13 (!) 2:30, 7:30

(Tuesday and Thursday)

Madea's Family Reunion,

PG-13 (!) 12

Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13 (!)

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Diary of a Mad Black Woman

PG-13 (!) 2:30, 7:30

## Hallelujah Egg Hunt

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A Review

Octtava Duo Signals Coming Of Spring in Annual Concert

by James Giese

For the past 10 years a sign of spring’s arrival is the annual Octtava Piano Duo concert offered by Wei-Der Huang and Hsien-Ann Meng at Greenbelt Community Church. This Sunday, April 10, Mother Nature greeted the pair by turning a cold, blustery day into a sunny, warming afternoon shortly before the concert. Huang is music director for the church and a professor of piano at Howard University. Her friend since graduate studies, Meng is also on the Howard faculty.

The Duo’s concerts always produce the highest quality of performance of a form of music rarely heard these days but once common in parlors throughout the world. This year’s performance was no exception.

The program consisted of four pieces written by French Romantic composers Poulenc, Chabrier, Bizet and Debussy and a modern work in similar style by Canadian Denis Bédard. Of these, the piece that appeared to this non-musician to be the most challenging and spectacular was Francis Poulenc’s 1918 composition “Sonata for Piano Four-Hands.” With runs, chords and melodies bouncing back and forth between the lower and upper registers of the piano and sweet sounds mixed with mild dissonance, the work enabled the duo to show in six minutes their skill, dexterity and musical virtuosity.

Emmanuel Chabrier’s “España” is a very familiar orchestral piece with four-hands offering an equally rich rendering of the work. Less familiar to me was Georges Bizet’s “Jeux d’enfants, Op. 22,” although I did recognize some of the melodies. It consists of 12 parts with subtitles like “The Swing,” “The Doll,” “Leapfrog” and “The Ball,” the latter being an exhilarating gallop

NAMI Support Group Meets

The local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its regular New Carrollton Area Support Group at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton on Monday April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. This supportive work group prepares the mailing and provides other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences, challenges and solutions.

For more details contact Dominique Thomas at 301-385-1699 or name.dom@domthom.com.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS

10:00 AM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SEDER

THURS., APRIL 21

6:30 PM

(Pot Luck)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

providing a peppy conclusion to the work. The Claude Debussy “Petite Suite,” although not very familiar to me, is a fine example of the rich soft harmonies typical of this composer.

Denis Bédard is unknown to me. In first listening to his “Duet Suite” for organ (played by Huang) and piano” I was surprised to find it to be quite in harmony with the other Romantic pieces. I love their combined sound. In this case, the melodic line often bounced back and forth between the two instruments, providing pleasant contrasts. However, I found the work to leave me with an incomplete feeling. I wanted it to end with a rousing finale in which the full sounds of both instruments blended into one glorious ending to an otherwise perfectly delightful and well-executed musical afternoon.

Bravo to the Octtava Piano Duo for once again bringing to Greenbelt another superior classical afternoon.



Greenbelters were shocked and saddened to learn of the cancer death of Bill Souser, 79, on Sunday, April 10, 2011, after a short illness. He was well known to all who attended activities at the Community Center and was an active member of the Golden Age Club until just a few weeks ago. He had served as president of the club several times. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Condolences to the family and friends of Cecilia Estherlee “Mama” Williams Eugene, 86, who died March 31, 2011. Mrs. Eugene resided in Greenbelt with her daughter Diana Eugene. A native of New Orleans, she came to Greenbelt with her husband (now deceased) after Hurricane Katrina and had made many friends here. Funeral services have already taken place in New Orleans but the family is planning a memorial service to be held in Maryland at a later date.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
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Holy (Maundy) Thursday – April 21st  
Services at 12:15 & 7:00 p.m.  
(Evening service will include Stripping of the Altar)

Good Friday – April 22nd  
Services at 12:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 24th  
9:30 a.m. Festive Service of Holy Communion  
(Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt follow service)





# City Information



**CELEBRATE WITH US!**  
**Saturday, April 16th**  
**from 10am-2:00pm**

**Public Works Open House (10am-2pm)**

555 Crescent Road - Enjoy demonstrations, tours and refreshments. Green ACES will have information on energy efficiency, recycling and sustainability. Other groups will share environmental and composting information.

**Earth Day (10:00 am):** Help to plant a rain garden at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway.

**Arbor Day (12 noon):** Help the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) to plant trees at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway.

**If you have any questions contact Lesley Riddle at 240-542-2151**

**Now Hiring Lifeguards, Pool Operators, and Swim Instructors**

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center is currently looking to fill aquatic positions for the 2011 season. Lifeguards and Pool Operators must hold current certification through the American Red Cross (classes are available). Pool Operators must hold a valid Pool Operator's License from the Prince George's County Health Department. For questions, contact Mitch Kallemyn, Aquatic Coordinator, at 301-397-2204. If you are interested in joining our team, you may download an application at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/Human\\_Resources](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/Human_Resources)

**CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENING**  
**INSPECTOR I (Community Development)** – Salary: \$39,291 with excellent benefits Position is assigned to the Department of Planning and Community Development and is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the city's housing and property maintenance code, construction code, sediment control regulations and other related codes/regulations. Minimum requirements: AA Degree in engineering, architecture, public administration, planning, housing, or related field; experience in building, housing or civil construction inspection; or equivalent combination of education and experience. Valid Maryland driver's license required. Ability to obtain International Code Council (ICC) certification and state sediment control inspection certification within one year. The City provides a generous fringe benefit package including medical, dental, life and retirement plans. To view the job class specification, summary of benefits and to apply, log onto [www.greenbeltmd.gov/Human\\_Resources](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/Human_Resources). A City of Greenbelt application is required. EOE ADA

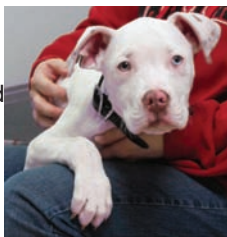
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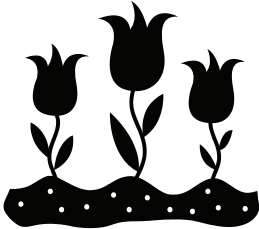


Donations welcome any time!  
**Make sure to visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook.**

**Greenbelt CityLink [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for city information.**

**CELEBRATION OF SPRING**

**Saturday, April 16 from 2:00pm-6:00pm**  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**  
**6101 Cherrywood Lane**



Bring the family and join your friends and neighbors at the Greenbelt Recreation Department's annual Celebration of Spring! Enjoy Make and Take Art Projects, Entertainment, Games, Amusements, refreshments and more!

**ATTENTION ROUTE 11 RIDERS**

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 18th**  
Extended hours Begin at 5:18am & End at 8:29pm

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**City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation**  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 6101 Cherrywood Ln, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
SHLRC: 301.397.2212 Recreation Dept. Business Office: 301.397.2200

**FAMILY FIT NIGHT:**  
**ARE YOU FITTER THAN A GRADE SCHOOLER?**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH**

- 7:00PM - 9:00PM  
**SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER**
- **Hula Hoop Challenges**
  - **Speed Shooting Drills**
  - **Football Toss**
  - **Free Throws**
  - **Shuttle Run**
  - **Cornhole**
  - **Jump Rope**

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- **FAMILY REC CARD VOUCHERS!!!**
- **SCHOOL'S OUT VOUCHERS!!!**
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**CITY OF GREENBELT, DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION**  
Recreation Business Office: 301.397.2200

**EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, April 23rd**

**10:00am SHARP!**

**Buddy Attick Park**

555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

**For Ages 18 months to 6th Grade**

Bring your basket and help Mr. Bunny find the eggs he and his helpers have hidden.  
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**MEETINGS FOR APRIL 18-22**

Wednesday, April 20th at 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

**KEEP YOUR TAXES AT HOME!**

When filling out your State Income Tax this year, please make sure to specify GREENBELT as your local government. This will assure that a portion of your taxes stays in Greenbelt.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Board  
For information call 301-474-8000.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Public Works Yard**

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, New! Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6).

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.**

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.

**ALSO... SHRED IT DAY**  
**Same date and time. Roosevelt Center Parking Lot. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.**



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Franklin Park.

According to Davis, among those present at the meeting were a representative of Congressmember Steny Hoyer’s office, Aubrey D. Thagard of the County Executive’s office, Prince George’s County Council Chair Ingrid Turner and staff and representatives from state and county housing agencies. Military personnel were also present, as well as university representatives including student and graduate student association presidents of the University of Maryland. Pepco was also represented.

Representing the city were Davis, City Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Konrad Herling and Edward Putens, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Police Chief James Craze and Planning and Development Director Celia Craze.

Both Fieldstone Properties owner partners from New Jersey were also there, Davis added. Sharon Thames, once with AIMCO Empirian Village, now executive director of business development and government affairs for Fieldstone, was a spokesperson at the meeting as was Debbie Dillon, on-site executive vice president. Davis said Fieldstone is now represented by advocate Michael Arrington and attorney Norman Rivera, who had previously represented AIMCO and Empirian Village.

### Upgrades

In a press release Fieldstone representatives described as “unprecedented” their effort to upgrade one of the largest apartment communities on the East Coast. Their hope was to provide safe, comfortable, convenient and affordable workforce housing.

As part of that effort, Fieldstone Properties will offer incentives for those who protect and serve, including veterans, displaced veterans, police officers and firefighters. The owners had recently signed Rental Partnership Agreements with Fort George G. Meade, Fort Myer and Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. Representatives also seek agreements with the University of Maryland.

Davis said the city council had been skeptical when Fieldstone first arrived. However, she said the firm had been very cooperative in working with city staff and its departments.

Code violations, a critical problem with former owners of the property, have been reduced by 80 percent she said, and residents now call management, instead of the city, to complain, “because

there is someone there to answer the phone and listen to them,” she added. Armed robberies, a serious crime problem, have also been significantly reduced.

“Unlike so many owners and developers seeking to convert close-in properties to luxury housing,” Dillon said at the summit, “Fieldstone Properties is committed to working closely with the community and government to provide high-quality, affordable housing for people who live, work and study in this area. By operating efficiently and buying in volume, we can offer renovated apartments with luxury finishes while keeping rents affordable for those with household incomes starting at \$37,000.”

Since acquiring the property last fall, the new owners have renovated 85 of the property’s 2,877 rental apartments. They plan to continue renovating apartments at the rate of 80 to 100 per month.

Individual apartment upgrades include all-new gourmet kitchens and baths with “condominium” finishes, refinished hardwood and new ceramic tile floors, designer lighting fixtures and refurbished balcony railings. Building entries are also being upgraded with secure energy-efficient doors and new signage.

Fieldstone Properties has also made community-wide security improvements, including call boxes and security camera enhancements. They also continue to fund a dedicated police officer for the community.

There is now free weekday shuttle transportation to both the Greenbelt Metro Station and the University. In addition, management has received and completed a backlog of over 10,000 tenant work order requests, according to the company’s press release.

### Tour

Davis said everyone afterward went on a shuttle bus tour to see a remodeled apartment. In the process they passed some good things about the community and things still to do. The apartment they saw had been furnished for occupation by students.

A unique feature Fieldstone is offering, Davis said, is multiple student leases for one apartment. One student thus has rights to his or her room and common apartment areas but is not responsible for actions or failures to make payment by apartment mates.

According to the press release, the company has set aside \$15 million for both external and interior renovations. In addition to updating the 40-year-old apartments, Fieldstone Proper-

ties plans to upgrade existing community amenities and add a state-of-the-art fitness center and day care provider.

The owner is seeking additional funding, however, to achieve these transformational goals. Fieldstone hopes to obtain approximately \$15 million in tax-increment financing (TIF) for a variety of public infrastructure improvements, including a pedestrian walkway and bridge to the Greenbelt Metro Station. The owners also are working with Pepco to help finance major improvements in energy efficiency.

### TIF

Tax-increment financing is a way to use government borrowing at lower interest rates to finance public improvements required to serve the needs of new development. The bonds issued are repaid from increased tax proceeds resulting from the new development and the government’s full faith and credit are not pledged in support of repaying the debt.

(TIF’s were commonly used to finance public improvements for new developments prior to the real estate bubble burst. Greenbelt had agreed to do a TIF, for example, for the Greenbelt Metro Station – South Core. Bond financing for TIFs evaporated, however, before this borrowing could take place and the South Core project is currently on hold.)

The proposed new TIF is apparently being asked of the county. Both Davis and McLaughlin said the city is not involved.

The proposed pedestrian walkway was first considered when the Greenbelt Metro station was planned. It was never seriously considered, however. It would have run from Springhill Drive and Cherrywood Lane to the Metro station, shortening the walking distance from the apartments to the station. Such a walkway, however, must cross state lands acquired to preserve woodland and flood plain, and would need to be bridged to cross Indian Creek and the flood plain. Providing security would also be difficult because of the long distance involved through dense woodland and away from public thoroughfares.

Turner, whose district includes Greenbelt, is “excited to partner with Fieldstone on the revitalization of the project.” She added, “I understand their success is contingent upon public-private partnerships.”

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search firm had not gone out for bid. He softened his remarks by saying if an internal candidate were selected, GHI would have access to applications for the newly vacant position.

The elephant in the room was being ignored, however. Finally Assistant General Manager Eldon Ralph, previously director of maintenance, was asked to comment on his qualifications and his interest in the position.

Ralph said he wants “GHI to get the very best person for the organization. I am that person.” He felt a search “would give assurance that the person selected is the most qualified. GHI has an \$8 million budget,” he said, and “\$35,000 is not a large amount to pay compared with the budget and implications of decisions made by the general manager.”

The motion to table engagement of a search firm was passed 5 to 3, with board president Suzanne Agans, Lewis and Boswell opposed. Maker of the motion Laura Moore reiterated that her intent was not to “kill” the motion.

Agans asked, incredulously, “Why table? What other information do you need?” No such information was identified.

Lewis had earlier reminded the board that seven to nine months are needed for outgoing and incoming general managers to work together.

### Pilot Funding

Previously the board had passed motions for financing the pilot project if it does not lead to a community-wide upgrade (CWUG). Replacement Reserve funds and Addition Maintenance Reserve funds have been, and continue to be, collected for such improvements as replacing windows and doors in all homes and also replacing siding and waste pipes in frame units. These items will be replaced even if no broad rehab occurs.

Also being tested during the pilot project are items for which no funds have been collected. These include correcting building environment/indoor air quality, member comfort and energy efficiency, which will be paid for by borrowing money or with grants.

The 28 pilot project test homes consist of three rows of block homes, two brick rows and two rows of frame homes. Also included are 13 additions.

A memorandum of understanding will be executed both by GHI and each member participating in the pilot study to avoid potential confusion about costs and pay-

ments. The memorandum will also include the following motions unanimously agreed upon:

- Spending no more than \$222,940 from replacement reserve funds in the pilot project to replace doors and windows on the 28 pilot homes and siding and waste pipes for eight frame homes.
- Spending no more than \$13,075 from addition maintenance reserves to install building envelope upgrades on 13 additions included in the pilot program.
- Making a loan of \$255,511 from replacement reserve funds to finance building envelope upgrades on the 28 pilot homes and borrowing \$18,870 from addition maintenance reserves for 13 additions.

• Paying for cost of the contract to write bid specifications as part of financing the CWUG.

• Paying the costs to help pilot participants cope with the loss of running water during waste pipe replacement (in frame homes) as part of financing the CWUG.

• Paying reasonable repair costs for damage done to kitchens and bathrooms during waste pipe replacement from replacement funds.

• Including the cost of anticipated replacement repairs of waste pipes the next time the replacement reserve fund is reviewed.

• Storing of air conditioners by GHI during the pilot project until a decision is made about heating/air conditioning upgrades in the CWUG.

• Lending two portable air conditioning units for each home of members who are required to remove through-the-wall or window air conditioners for the pilot study. These portable units will be purchased by GHI and resold when no longer required.

• Paying for hired labor to assist members in removing and returning attic items as part of financing the CWUG.

### Specifications


The second reading of a motion was passed authorizing a contract with Falcon Engineering, Architecture & Energy Consultants (Falcon Group) to provide written specifications for the planned pilot project that will focus on energy upgrades to 28 homes. The cost is \$12,995, plus 15 percent for contingencies, for a total not to exceed \$14,944.

Falcon Group will prepare technical design documents to specify the scope of work and quality control requirements for implementing the building envelope.

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population is no longer used to determine the size of the necessary force. Too many factors not taken into account in Greenbelt’s case, for example, are highways, pass-through traffic and crime.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he had always been supportive of the need for more patrol officers but in the past getting more officers had not seemed to result in more officers on patrol. He also alluded to examples in the department’s earlier evening presentation of activities bringing prestige to the department and to the city.

These had included, for example, officer participation in accrediting agency activities, K-9 events, school programs, training requests from other communities and honor guard presentations for other organizations. While not questioning the value of these activities Roberts asked to what extent such special assignments were making officers unavailable for core police work.

Craze replied that some officers had been hired in part with community policing grants supporting certain types of city goals and activities. He thought that determining the type of police department the city wishes to have is ultimately a political decision for council. McLaughlin added that under any circumstances he saw significant value in the cross-training that allowed officers to take on various roles.

Eight Needed

Councilmember Leta Mach noted that Schinner’s memo said that eight new positions were needed but only four requested. She asked what might be accomplished if two more positions were added. Schinner and Craze both said two would be of further benefit.

At this point, Kelly Ivy asked to speak as a resident. He said council had not been making the necessary tough decisions and that it was obvious many in the department were wearing multiple hats.

Ivy challenged the nature of the questioning to the command staff. He said the police must be a priority over other parts of the budget and that the Greenbelt police “have never asked for more than what they’ve needed.” He was critical of money budgeted for what he considered to be less essential programs and high salaries for lower-level staff in other departments.

Mayor Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling addressed council’s responsibility to look at needs and concerns of the city as a whole. The mayor also took umbrage at the implication that staff members at any level with long service to the city should remain at entry-level salaries.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan said he found it puzzling that anyone could think the city council was attempting to underfund the police department when nearly 40 percent of the proposed budget is devoted to public safety.

Resident Molly Lester also spoke briefly. She agreed with Ivy’s central point that without strong public safety, the city’s other programs, as good as they may be, would not mean much.

Public Hearing

Mayor Davis suggested that Ivy and Lester both come to the first public hearing on the budget (April 26) with specific recommendations on what they thought

should be cut. Mach suggested that the \$400,400 be placed on the “wish list” of items requested but not budgeted, with further information to be provided.

When asked later about the timing of this request, McLaughlin said that although Capt. Schinner had initiated discussion on this subject during the department’s preliminary budget meetings, McLaughlin believed more analysis and evaluation were necessary than would have been feasible within the time constraints for completing this budget.

Indeed, the middle part of the meeting dealing with the police department budget, proceeded in the usual fashion. The proposed budget, in most categories, is almost the same as that for the current year. A rise in computer expenses reflects software maintenance for the new computer-aided dispatch and records management system.

A decrease in the new equipment line, however, reflects a limitation of new-vehicle requests to no more than six. The salary line continues to drop as well, as experienced officers retire.

Revenues generated are projected to be largely unchanged with increases in red light camera fines as cameras come back on line and the possible introduction of speed camera fines.

Staffing levels are unchanged in the proposed budget, with 54 sworn officers and another 15 staff members in records, communications and other support roles. At the time of the worksession, the 54 officer positions were accounted for, with the inclusion of three recruits currently enrolled at the Anne Arundel County Police Training Academy.

There was an increase of 55 percent this year in the number of slides shown by the department in its comprehensive presentation covering crime statistics; department staff, programs and initiatives; upcoming accreditation renewal; public/private partnerships; and awards and achievements. A marked trend toward the enhanced reputation and leadership of the department beyond municipal borders was noted as well and appreciated by council, as were efforts to cover as many of the school resource officer programs as possible, since the retirement of one of the two trained officers.

Crime Trends

The police department’s analysis of recent crime statistics, presented at the worksession, has been previously reported in this paper’s March 24 issue. When questioned by the mayor about the comparative rates of 5.4 and 6.8 victims per 1,000 population for Prince George’s County and the City of Greenbelt respectively, Chief Craze said rates for communities inside the Beltway tend to be higher than for those outside and that Greenbelt’s rate has historically fallen in the middle, reflecting its regional location.

The mayor said with the trend toward lessening crime in Greenbelt West and increasing crime in Greenbelt East, residents have concerns about whether the police will shift resources to reflect the changing needs. Craze assured her the department does so on an ongoing basis and is aware of the needs.

Councilmember Ed Putens asked if the department could look into getting comprehensive infor-

mation on crime at the Greenbelt Metro Station, because three jurisdictions share responsibility: Greenbelt, WMATA and College Park.

Councilmember Silke Pope asked if any new neighborhood watch groups were forming. MPO Kelly Lawson said they were having recruitment problems, that the center city group was down in membership and that consideration was being given to combining smaller groups to cover larger areas.

Included among issues to be addressed and management objectives achieved in the new fiscal year were moving forward to take full advantage of and complete the mobilization of the Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) and Records Management Systems (RMS), now installed and implemented; making full use of the nearly completed 700 MHz interoperable radio communications system, now installed, that will permit communication among public safety agencies throughout the region; moving forward with a plan to implement a speed camera program; and preparing for the department’s third accreditation certification review by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), to be completed in fall 2012.

Speed Cameras

Built into the proposed budget is an estimated \$200,000 in revenues anticipated from installation over the year of one or more speed cameras. In his presentation of the budget, McLaughlin said that because revenues from speed cameras drop quickly as compliance increases, they would be unlikely to supply a steady revenue stream, he proposed to earmark these monies for rebuilding the city’s fund balance to the targeted 10 percent of total expenditures.

Discussion at the worksession, however, suggested a number of issues would need to be resolved before Greenbelt could move forward on speed cameras. Current law requires that a sworn police officer verify film and sign off on all speed camera citations. A bill had been defeated in the current General Assembly session that would have permitted appropriately trained civilian staff to undertake this work.

The city has not yet determined whether the police department is adequately staffed to assign a sworn officer to this duty. Chief Craze said he did not see a way to share an officer with another jurisdiction because an officer can be “sworn” to one place only. Other options may be possible, he said, including participating in the Howard County partnership, which might allow for sharing of staff.

Fire Department

Usually the opening act of the public safety meeting is the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, for which the city provides some funding for equipment replacement. Because no one was present, however, to represent GVFD&RS, review of this part of the budget will be rescheduled.

In addition to the \$60,000 proposed for the Greenbelt department, contributions of \$5,000 each have also been budgeted for the Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills Fire Departments in recognition of their high level of service to Greenbelt.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to “Weekly Report” or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Carjacking

March 31, 7 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a person approached the victim and forcefully took the victim’s black 2005 Chevrolet Impala with Va. tags. The vehicle was recovered on April 8 in Washington, D.C. No arrests were made.

Drug Arrest

April 1, 9:26 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, two resident youths were petitioned for possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession of marijuana among other charges. The youths were released to guardians pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

DWI Arrests

April 2, 1:08 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Lakecrest Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

April 4, 11:16 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing, resisting arrest and failure to obey a lawful order. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

April 1, 11:57 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a nonresident man was arrested, charged with trespassing on posted property and was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

April 2, 10:17 p.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, a phone in a hotel was reported

damaged.

April 7, 12:30 a.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, property in a room was reported damaged.

Burglary

March 31, 9:19 a.m., 6500 block Springcrest Drive, it was reported that jewelry was taken.

April 5, 3:02 a.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road, unknown items were reported taken.

April 5, 5:30 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, it was reported that electronics were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a green 1994 Honda Accord with Maryland tags from the 9100 block Edmonston Road and a green 1998 Nissan Maxima with Maryland tags from the 6500 block Springcrest Drive.

Two vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made.

April 2, 2:20 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident youth was petitioned for motor vehicle theft and other charges after being stopped in a stolen vehicle (a blue 1997 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags). The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Vandalism was reported in the 6600 block Lake Park Drive (four cut tires) and in the 39 Court Ridge Road (scratched vehicle). Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Cherrywood Terrace at Cherrywood Court (flashlight); 6100 block Breezewood Drive (rear Md. tag); Beltway Plaza (electronics, jewelry); 7700 block Hanover Parkway (electronics); and 7800 block Hanover Parkway (electronics).

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Mayor Judith Davis presents Greenbelt’s Arbor Day Proclamation to ACT members Charles Jackman (chair) and Ethel Dutky at the city council meeting on April 11. ACT member Bob Trumbule was not present.

rain garden in Schrom Hills Park in Greenbelt East beginning at 10 a.m.

The mayor read the proclamation celebrating Earth Day in Greenbelt at the city council meeting on April 11. The proclamation notes that the purpose of Earth Day is to inspire environmental awareness and encourage the conservation, protection and appreciation of the nation’s natural resources. It assigns responsibility for the environment to all people and recognizes those who participate in Earth Day “for their proactive dedication to shaping a better future.”

This marks the 41st Anniversary of Earth Day; the first Earth Day was celebrated April 22, 1970.

In addition to activities related to Arbor Day and Earth Day, Public Works will be holding an

Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and there will be a Celebration of Spring at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 2 to 6 p.m.

For more information on these activities, see page 3.

Children’s Medical Care Grants Offered

United Healthcare’s Children’s Foundation is seeking applications from families needing help with medical expenses not covered by their commercial health insurance for children 16 years of age or younger in Maryland and Virginia. Qualifying families can receive up to \$5,000 to pay for medical services such as physical and occupational therapy, prescriptions, wheelchairs, orthotics and eyeglasses.

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Chamber Concert

On Sunday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will present a concert by the Georgia Chamber Singers and Men in Blaque. They will perform music by Frank Martin in the West Garden Court.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of April 12

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Cardinals	1-1	Giants	1-0
Cubs	0-1	Tigers	1-0
Indians	0-1	Athletics	0-0
Yankees	0-0	Orioles	0-0

Major League Schedule April 18 through 23

Date	Time	Games
Monday, April 18	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Cubs
Tuesday, April 19	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Tigers
Wednesday, April 20	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Athletics
Thursday, April 21	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Indians
Friday, April 22	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Tigers
*Friday, April 22	7 p.m.	Orioles vs. Giants
Saturday, April 23	10 a.m.	Cubs vs. Yankees
Saturday, April 23	1 p.m.	Indians vs. Cardinals

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On Thursday, April 14 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. From 7 to 9 is the weekly open microphone night with music, prose, poetry, storytelling and comedy welcome. The Spanish Conversation Group holds its weekly sessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, April 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues (every Friday and Saturday). The Lonesome Pine Bluegrass Band plays from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, April 16 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m., followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by the Unruly Blues Band.

Sunday, April 17 the Not2Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the monthly Kids’ Open Microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30. From 5 to 8 p.m. Lelehuna will provide pulsating

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**Next Week**

Monday, April 18 is the monthly Reel and Meal, featuring “A Chemical Reaction.” The documentary tells the story of a dermatologist in Quebec who fought chemical companies until Quebec banned the chemicals and municipalities across Canada followed. Dr. Diana Post, a veterinarian and executive director of the Rachel Carson Council, who is featured in the documentary, will facilitate the conversation following the screening. Lesley Riddle, assistant director of Parks and Grounds for Greenbelt will also be on hand to offer her vision for the city’s pesticide policy. An optional vegan buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m., with the free film at 7 p.m.

Open Microphone Poetry Night with Amethyst is from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 (see ad on page 6). Wednesday, April 20 musician-singer-songwriter Susan Souza plays acoustic Indie music from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, April 21 from 7 to 9 it’s Gary Brown and the Bushmasters playing blues rock. Kiva is back with acoustic world music on Friday, April 22 from 8 to 11 p.m.

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In February Greenbelt’s County Councilmember and Council Chair Ingrid Turner (left), presented Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) with a check for \$1,000 to assist with student recognition projects. Former Principal Sharon Porter (center) and PTA President Amy Hansen accepted the check on Porter’s last day as principal before leaving the school system to take care of her mother. New principal Warren Tweedy is using part of the money for MSA and honor roll celebrations this quarter. GMS has invited the Eleanor Roosevelt High School step team, cheerleaders and robotics team, as well as the DuVal High School marching band, to perform in an all-school assembly.

### Spring Bird Walk In Bowie on April 16

The Prince George’s Audubon Society will host a free bird walk on Saturday, April 16 at the Governor Bridge Natural Area. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Governor Bridge Road in Bowie. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

### Early Evening Bird Walk at Artemesia

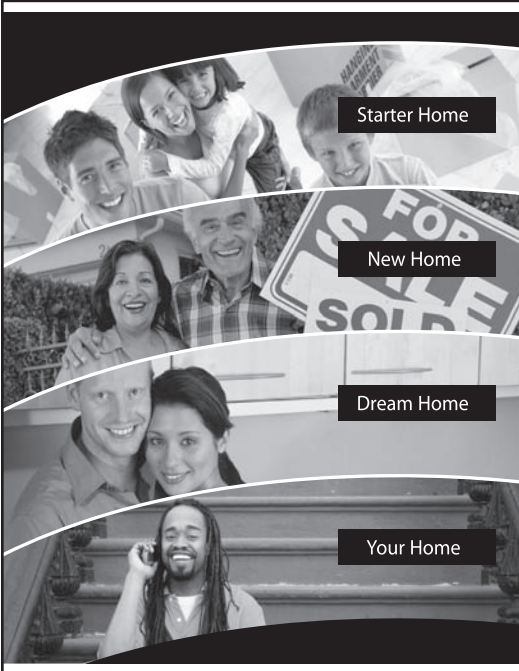
On Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m. the Prince George’s Audubon Society will lead a free early evening bird walk on the paved Luther Goldman Birding Trail. Meet in the parking lot for Lake Artemesia at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. All skill levels are welcome and binoculars are suggested. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

### College Fair Held In Landover Fri. & Sat.

The free 2011 Prince George’s County National College Fair will be held at the Sports and Learning Complex in Landover on Friday, April 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling and hosted by the Potomac & Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling, students and parents will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with admission representatives from a wide range of national, international, public, private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

The Prince George’s County Sports and Learning Complex is at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover. For more information call 301-567-8669.



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